



## Gene Donovan

February 23, 1961 - March 22, 2023

Eugene Patrick “Gene” Donovan, Jr., age 62, of Milledgeville, passed away Wednesday, March 22, 2023. A Celebration of Life for Gene Donovan will be conducted Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 2:00 PM in the Chapel of Williams Funeral Home of Milledgeville with Rev. Perry Jones officiating. The family will receive friends at the Williams Funeral Home on Sunday, March 26, 2023 from 1:00 PM until the service hour.

A native of Long Island, New York, Gene was born on February 23, 1961 to the late Eugene Patrick Donovan, Sr. and the late Patricia Ward Donovan. Gene moved to Georgia as a teenager, and began work at Grumman Aerospace, remaining his entire career, to retire from Triumph Aerospace. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Milledgeville.

Gene is survived by his wife, Jan Donovan of Milledgeville ; his brothers, Patrick John (& Pam) Donovan of Milledgeville, and Joseph Thomas Donovan of Gainesville ; and his step-children, William Mark Lewis of Hepzibah, Laura Alisa Lewis of Belvedere, SC, and Sarah Christine Lewis of Aiken, SC.

Condolences may be expressed online at: [www.williamsfuneral.net](http://www.williamsfuneral.net)

Williams Funeral Home and Crematory of Milledgeville is in charge of arrangements.



# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

MAR 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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### Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

KB

“ *My sweet friend, Gene!! It's been at least 38 years, since I saw you last, but I've never forgotten what a special, sweet and kind guy you were!!*

*You watched over me, made sure that I made it home safely from Justin's many a night! We had a blast!! Good times and good friends always at our table! Lots of laughter!! I haven't seen you since those Justin days, but I've thought of you over the years with fondness and wondered how you were. Anyone who knew you and was a friend of yours, knew and felt it. You were definitely as genuine as they get.*

*God speed, my sweet, sweet friend from so long ago. We may not have seen each other but I'm thankful for your kindness, you being so sweet and watching out for me all those years ago. You were never forgotten.*

*Prayers for everyone who knew you, love and will miss you. To know you was a blessing and your friendship a treasure. Thanks for the good times and memories.*

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**Kim (Cooper) Bainbridge** - April 01, 2023 at 02:01 AM

TE

“ *Terry Epps lit a candle in memory of Gene Donovan*



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**Terry Epps** - March 30, 2023 at 10:41 AM

KM

“ *So sorry to hear of Gene's passing. I worked with Gene at Triumph. He was always a nice man. We are praying for Gene's whole family.*

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**Kenny Mills** - March 27, 2023 at 05:10 PM

KC

“ So sorry to hear of Genes passing,,,, He was a joy to work with,, as we shared many talks and laughs,, My thoughts are with Jan, Patrick and family,,

Karen Classen - March 26, 2023 at 11:02 AM

RF

Patrick and Family, I just heard of Gene passing and I wanted to give you my deepest condolences. He taught me a lot in RPC which I will never forget.

Rick Fathi - March 31, 2023 at 12:40 PM

HE

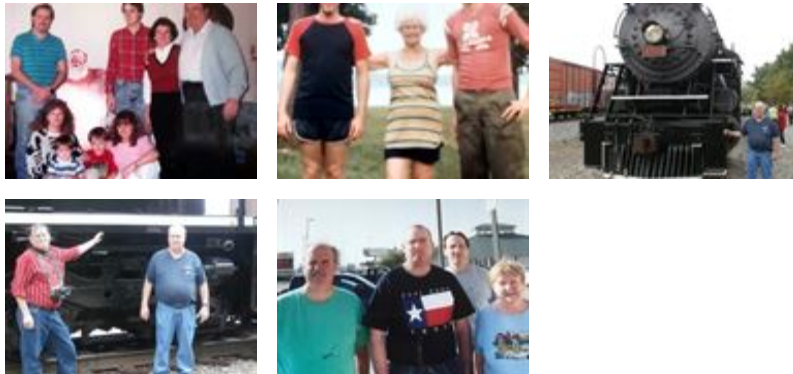
“ I am so sorry to see this. I will always remember Gene’s smile and laugh. Very much like Patrick’s and their Dad’s. Gene was a delightful guy to work with and at the end of my shift I most always left with a smile and a laugh because of something he would have said. Prayers for Patrick and Gene’s whole family.



Hallie Ellerbee - March 25, 2023 at 07:30 PM



“ 33 files added to the album Life Tributes



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - March 25, 2023 at 03:34 PM

TP

“ I was saddened to hear of Gene’s passing yesterday. To Gene’s family, Joseph , and Patrick my deepest condolences for your loss. I’ll always remember him as the quiet big brother that completed the trio.

Tom Perkins - March 25, 2023 at 01:01 PM

PD

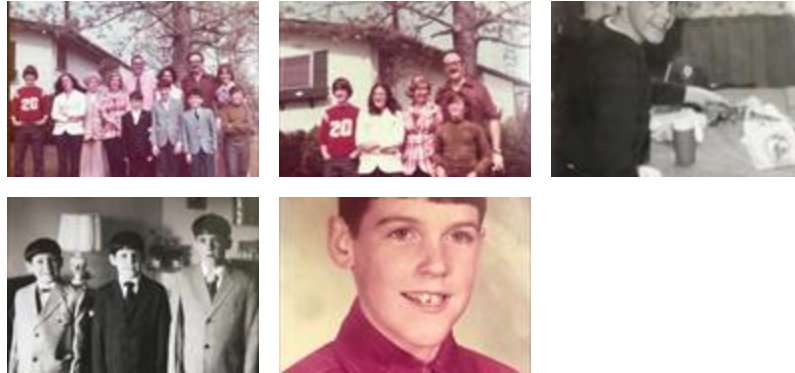
“ Memories of Gene from childhood on, shared by his brothers, Joe and Patrick.  
Jan, I came into your and Gene's family less than 20 years ago when Patrick and I married, but I am so glad that Rachel and I became part of the Donovan family. Gene was a devoted husband, stepfather, son, brother, and uncle. I will remember him fondly and with love, along with his many other family members and friends.  
Sincerely, Pam



Pamela Daniel Donovan - March 25, 2023 at 10:16 AM

PD

“ 22 files added to the album Geno



Patrick John Donovan - March 25, 2023 at 10:10 AM

EB

“ 2 files added to the album Geno



Eric Buckley - March 24, 2023 at 10:20 PM

ST

“ Condolences to family and friends. Gene was someone I remember from work as a nice guy. He was one of the icons of Grumman/Triumph.

Susan Taylor - March 24, 2023 at 09:29 PM

TD

“ *With deepest sympathy and condolences to the family.*



Terry Duke - March 24, 2023 at 09:26 PM

LS

“ *Linda Sloan lit a candle in memory of Gene Donovan*



Linda Sloan - March 24, 2023 at 01:43 PM

DO

“ *Gene was a client of mine for several years before I retired as a hairdresser. He was a very respectful, kindhearted man. My sincere condolences to Jan and the rest of the family. Rest in peace Gene*

Donna Oxford - March 23, 2023 at 10:28 PM

EB

“ *3 files added to the album Geno*



Eric Buckley - March 23, 2023 at 10:23 PM

PB

“ *Paul Barbara Bernichon lit a candle in memory of Gene Donovan*



Paul & Barbara Bernichon - March 23, 2023 at 08:16 PM

TH

“ *Rip gene you were a nice guy when I lived in Milledgeville, I had some fun times with you at the opera house, you have left us too soon we just like Frank Campbell and you'll be remembered for a long time*

Tommy Hallet - March 23, 2023 at 07:26 PM

TH

*Excuse the typo people why my name is actually Haller well, that's my last name excuse me dang auto correct.*

Tommy haller - March 24, 2023 at 05:48 PM

TH

“ *I don't know what to say I'm at a loss this is two friends of mine in the past year and a half first I lost Frank Campell now I lost gene Donovan, Junior ! I can't say much about gene other than he was a nice guy, a little bit quiet and a loaner ! I had the opportunity to go to Panama City Florida with him years ago he rode along me and my jeep and we had fun. Well at least I did. ! Gene you will be missed by a lot of people you are a very nice guy rest in peace, my friend, and make sure to say hi to Frank Campbell when you get up that way. Godspeed, my friend rest in peace. !*

Tommy haller - March 23, 2023 at 06:30 PM

EB

“ *Eric Buckley lit a candle in memory of Gene Donovan*



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**Eric Buckley** - March 23, 2023 at 05:04 PM

EB

“ Geno,

*As we age, we lose family and friends more frequently. That's the normal course of life, and to be expected. But I never thought I'd be leaving words for you here this soon (or perhaps ever, even).*

*In 27 years of friendship, you have been a cohort, confidant, pal, listener, assistant, companion, coworker and probably a few other great things that I left off. In those 27 years, I can't recall ever having been mad at you or wishing to dismiss your company or your conversation, you were just not the kind of person a guy would feel the urge to be angry with or want to go away. You were, in fact, one of the nicest, most understanding and patient people that I have ever met.*

*The Irish blood passed down to me, on the other hand, often seems to manifest itself in bouts of temper, volume and contentiousness that tends to drive people away, and yet you never complained or criticized me for being me. You were and will always be a true friend, in every sense of the word.*

*Along with the overall blessing of your friendship, I will miss specifically:*

*Endlessly discussing cars and hotrods and related topics, going to races, car shows, swap meets, etc. etc. with you, or just hanging out with you at our mutual friends' shops. I realize that life intervened in recent years and limited your ability to go on adventures very often, unfortunately, but I could always count on the bench racing and your interest in whatever I happened to be working on.*

*Your enthusiasm for trains and all things railroad related.*

*Your interest in collecting and various other hobbies and the many, many engaging and interesting conversations we have had over the years about same.*

*Your thoughtfulness and generosity. I have many interesting items, signs books etc. throughout my house that you gave to me over the years simply out of friendship and because you knew I would like them and value them.*

*To Gene's wife Jan, brothers Patrick and Joe (who I'm sorry that I have not ever had the pleasure of meeting), nephews (nieces?) stepchildren and all extended family and other friends, I offer my deepest and sincerest sympathy and condolences. Gene will be terribly missed.*

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**Eric Buckley** - March 23, 2023 at 05:03 PM